

**City of Cambridge**  
**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**Tuesday January 18, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm via Zoom. In attendance were Mayor Sherry Tyler, Commissioners Brad King, Gary Osborne, Carol Huelsman, Gayle Wilhelmi, and attorney Carrie Ritsert. The minutes of the November meeting were distributed by email prior to the meeting. Carol made a motion to accept the minutes. Gary seconded and the motion was passed. The financial report will be sent out later this week. Sherry's family has been dealing with illness and a death in the family.

**Old Business:** The recycling carts have been delivered except for 10 at the condos which are scheduled for next week. There was a problem with trash pickup at the condos on one side for three weeks in a row. We were finally made aware that a resident, at the erroneous instruction of whoever they spoke with at WM, placed a futon in the dumpster and the truck driver would not empty it for fear of it falling on the cab and damaging the truck. Nor would they climb in the dumpster and take it out because of liability issues. The futon was one where the mattress is attached to the frame. After numerous calls and emails to the president of the condo association and contacts at their property management company, the futon was removed from the dumpster and hauled away by employees of the property management company. Waste Management then came out and removed the accumulated trash. Gayle will let Cynthia (president of the condo association) know that the recycling carts are due to be delivered next week and that we have ordered five for each side. She will ask Cynthia to let us know if she feels there is not enough room for five, and will emphasize that residents be made aware that the carts are for recycling only and will not be emptied if regular trash is thrown in them. We offered to have someone write on the carts with a sharpie as there are no other markings to indicate recycling other than the yellow lid.

Melissa Nord recently sent the information about her contract with the construction firm working on her home at 4218 Browns Lane to Carrie. Carrie did write a letter to the company (Taylor Homes) with our concerns, and Sherry contacted 311 to file a complaint. The response from 311 was that the construction company was not in violation. Carrie said we could expand on the complaint noting the length of time the property has sat without any work being done or that we can remedy the situation ourselves and bill the company. Brad asked if the permits have an expiration date. Carol responded that the permits for the addition to her home expire after one year. The president of the company called Sherry to assure her that construction will resume and they will rectify the areas of concern. It was noted that work has indeed been restarted on the property.

All but two owners have renewed their applications for rental homes in Cambridge. These two have been charged the \$25 late fee. There are 18 non-owner occupied homes in Cambridge which is about 20%. About six of these are rented to a family member of the owner. We cannot limit the number of rentals in the City because this would be considered housing discrimination.

**New Business:** The snow contract options for this year remain the same as previous years. Option 1 would require a \$600/month retainer fee. Option 2 would require a \$200 deposit and then \$250 per plow. Option 3 is \$325 per plow. An application of rock salt would be an additional \$400 per use with any option chosen. The Board voted unanimously for option 3. Sherry will get with the company to discuss how they would prefer to have the speed humps marked.

Robin Maupin wrote a complaint on the Next Door app about the speed humps in Cambridge. Gayle responded several times to counter misinformation and present facts. She misstated that the humps were 4 inches in height when they are actually 2 inches in height. Sherry will send out a copy of the contract for the humps that state the measurements. Gary was able to put up minutes from April to November on our website that would show some of the process we went through before installing the humps. Gayle will try to get him older minutes when she returns from out of town that can be uploaded to the website so that it is up to date.

Carrie affirmed that we are allowed to include the names of residents in the minutes.

Brad was asked about an update on his neighbors that were involved in a motorcycle accident. He says they are still not working and have no transportation of their own, but family and friends are stopping in regularly to help. She is on crutches and wears a boot on one foot, and he has had surgery to put a pin in his wrist. There have been some complaints about their dogs who bark constantly when outside. One of the dogs had to be put down recently. Hopefully they will continue to improve and the situation will resolve itself.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:32pm. The next meeting will be February 15, 2022 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,